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Memorandum

To: *Commission Members*
From: *Agnieszka Pinette and Sarah Giffen*
Planning & Administration Division
Date: *Thursday, January 12, 2006*

2007 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Forest Resources and Changing Land Ownership Patterns

As part of the Commission's ongoing 2007 Comprehensive Land Use Plan discussions, we will host a day-long discussion spotlighting forest resources, the forestry industry and changing land ownership patterns on January 23, 2006, in Bangor.

The focus of the morning session will be on the current status of forest resources in Maine and the future outlook for the industry. Specific topics may include the conditions of Maine's forest resource, the economic conditions of the industry in Maine, global economic forces and trends affecting the industry, as well as the future of the forestry industry. This panel session will include presenters from the Maine Forest Service, resource economists and researchers, as well as forestry industry representatives.

The focus of the afternoon session will be on changing land ownership patterns. Specific topics may include an overview of land ownership trends in Maine as well as nationally, and impacts of changing land ownership patterns on forestry resources. The afternoon panel will include consultants, non-profit policy and environmental organizations, and representatives of investor groups.

Enclosed with this memo is a list of presenters and excerpts from the 1997 Comprehensive Land Use Plan related to forest resources and changing land ownership patterns. Also, for your reference, attached are several background documents on a variety of forest resource and changing land ownership issues which were been provided by some of the meeting presenters.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Bangor!

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Enclosures: Detailed meeting agenda with list of presenters.
Excerpts from 1997 CLUP regarding forest resources and changing land ownership trends.
The Forests of Maine: 2003 (Maine Forest Service, September 2005).
Executive Summary of the 2005 Biennial Report on the State of the Forest and Progress Report on Forest Sustainability Standards (Maine Forest Service, December 29, 2005).
Executive Summary of Maine Future Forest Economy Project (Maine Forest Service & Maine Technology Institute, March 2005).

Enclosures (continued):

Economic and Cultural Importance of the Forests to the People of the Region (Lloyd Irland, Eastern Canusa Forest Science Conference, October 2002).

Spreading Prosperity to the “Other Maines”: Maine’s Forest Products Sector and Regional Disparities (Lloyd Irland, Excerpts from Draft Document).

Challenges Facing the US Solid Wood and Timberland Sector: A Lending Institution’s Perspective (Lloyd Irland, April 2005).

Maine’s Forest Industry: From One Era to Another (Lloyd Irland, Summer 2004).

State Roles in Economic Development: The Case of Forest-Based Development in Maine (Lloyd Irland and Charles Colgan, Economic and Social Development Conference, October 1986).

Economic Development Business Assistance Technology Transfer and Other Programs Supporting Secondary Wood Products Manufacturing in Maine (Lloyd Irland and James Connors, Productivity Strategy Conference, January 1994).

Changing Timberland Ownership in the Northern Forest and Implications for Biodiversity (John Hagan, Lloyd Irland, and Andrew Whitman, December 2005).

Executive Summary of Patterns of Change: Three Decades of Change in LURC’s Jurisdiction (Planning Decisions, January 2006, Draft Document).

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COMMISSION MEETING PANEL DISCUSSION ON FOREST RESOURCES AND CHANGING LAND OWNERSHIP PATTERNS

Monday, January 23, 2006

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Bangor Motor Inn, 701 Hogan Road, Bangor

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM **CURRENT STATUS OF MAINE'S FOREST RESOURCES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR THE FOREST INDUSTRY**

- Conditions of Maine's forest resources
Alec Giffen, Maine Forest Service
- Economic conditions of the forestry industry
Eric Kingsley, Innovative Natural Resource Solutions, LLC
- Global economic forces and trends
Lloyd Irland, The Irland Group
- Outlook for the Industry – Bio Energy
Bruce Bornstein, Isaacson Lumber
- Outlook for the Industry – Innovations and opportunities
Habib Dagher, University of Maine
- Outlook for the Industry – Landowner Perspectives
Peter Triandafillou, JM Huber Corp
Steve Schley, Pingree Associates
Pat Strauch, Maine Forest Products Council

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM **LUNCH**

Lunch will be provided for Commissioners, LURC staff, and presenters.

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM **CHANGING LAND OWNERSHIP PATTERNS**

- Existing conditions and trends in land ownership patterns
Erik Hellstedt, Planning Decisions
John Hagan, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences
Ian Burnes, Northern Forest Alliance
- Changing land ownership patterns from the land owner's perspective
Richard Carbonetti, LandVest
- Case studies and lessons learned from away
Ann Ingerson, The Wilderness Society

For additional information about the 2007 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, please visit the Commission's web site (www.maine.gov/doc/lurc) - select 'Project Update: 2007 Comprehensive Land Use Plan revision' from the list of featured links).